

MAJOR LEAGUE CLUBS SHOULD PUT BEST LINE-UPS IN FIELD FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON

MANAGERS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO "PICK A WINNER" IN CLOSE RACE FOR PENNANT

Joe Tinker's Threat to Put Dodgers Out of Race Starts Criticism Following Poor Playing of Cubs Against the Phillies

IT BEHOVES every manager, manager and player in the two major baseball leagues to see that his team plays its very best ball for the rest of the season and presents the strongest available line-up for every game against pennant contenders.

Already there have been too many nasty stories published and remarks made by managers and ball players, who should have better sense, and the knackers of the national game who always are looking for something to bear out the old argument of syndicate ball may have a chance to criticize if certain magnates and managers, particularly the latter, are not bridled.

A major league manager has no right to come out for one team or another at this stage of the race, and he shows poor taste in even picking a winner. When a manager picks a winner in a close pennant race it generally is a case of "the wish being father to the thought," and it leaves a bad impression if his team should happen to be in a horrible slump and toss away a few ball games to the team he has picked to win the pennant.

Once again it is the National League that is the greatest offender. Manager Stallings, of the Braves; Tinker, of the Cubs; Huggins, of the Cardinals; Mathewson, of the Reds, and McGraw, of the Giants, have put themselves in the limelight by "picking a winner," and McGraw and Mathewson do not hesitate to say that they are pulling for Wilbert Robinson to pilot the Dodgers to a pennant.

Friendship and Personalities Should Be Forgotten

FORTUNATELY for Matty, the Reds have given the Dodgers a great battle in every game, proving conclusively the desire to win is uppermost in the ball player's mind and that all personal feeling and friendships are forgotten when the game begins. But Matty would have been in an unenviable position if the Reds had booted the ball around and permitted the Dodgers to sweep the series with little opposition.

Does Mr. McGraw know that a fairly large percentage of the fans throughout the country are saying that he will not try to defeat the Dodgers unless the Giants have a possible chance to win the pennant? Does he also know that the Giants must continue to play at a dizzy clip or the fans will not be satisfied with the explanation that the team was off form? The reconstructed Giants have proved that they are the most powerful team in the National League at the present time, and the fans will not be satisfied unless McGraw's team gets at least an even break with the Dodgers.

Such is the penalty for talking too much for publicity. The craze for publicity induced the Chicago National League club to hire a theatrical press agent, who traveled in advance of the team early in the season. But he was not along on this trip, so Joe Tinker thought he would get a little publicity by allowing his views on the pennant race to be published, with the result that he also has put himself in a position where he may be the target for abuse from the fans and scribes.

On the form shown by Alexander, Demaree and Rixey, the Cubs had virtually no chance to beat the Phillies any of the games played in the present series, but the line-up Tinker presented, after declaring that he intended to put the Dodgers out of the race, has given the knackers a chance to knock. The fans preferred to see the regular Cub team get the three straight drubbings rather than the misfit aggregation presented.

Keep Recruits Out of Game

RECRUITS have no place in the line-up of a team playing against pennant contenders, but in Tinker's case there is some excuse, as several of his regular players really are crippled. Nothing would have been thought of or said about the Cubs' work in this city if it had not been for his boast that he would put the Dodgers out of the running, and it would not be surprising if Robinson's team gave Tinker the worst showing up he ever has had in the coming series.

Tinker must make good and beat the Dodgers or he will be the laughing-stock of the baseball world, and the same is true of Stallings, who insists that he will put the Phillies out of the race. Stallings' claim rather amuses the fans, as he has been "putting the Phils out of the race" for two years, but if one looks up the 1915 and 1916 records he will find that the Braves have been outplayed, outgamed and outclassed by the Phillies.

Moran's team does not need any help in the pennant race. It is today one box score back of the Dodgers and in better shape for the finish, despite the slump against New York and St. Louis. Local fans are convinced that the Phillies are the better team, that they play more up-to-date ball and have the fighting spirit to carry them through, and nothing would please them better than to have the two teams start the final series of the season on even terms.

No manager in the game ever carried himself straighter than Connie Mack, and some critics accused him of playing favorites in a pennant race a few years ago, so it is not hard to see that several National and one American League manager may have a lot of explaining to do to the home fans after the present season, unless the breaks are running even.

Cubs Give Weird Exhibition

YESTERDAY'S exhibition of the Cubs was one of the most weird shown by a major league team in this city in several seasons. Tinker's team did not make so many errors of commission, but they counted heavily for the champions. Errors of commission or omission figured in the scoring of all the Phillies runs, and the exhibition in the eighth inning would not have done credit to a scholastic nine.

The Cubs, with a combination of near-star veterans and a sprinkling of recruits, went completely to pieces in this inning. They tried as hard as it is possible for a ball player to try, but the poor battery work so upset the other players that the Phillies tallied four runs on one hit, which was a high fly that fell safely in short left. Fans who did not appreciate burlesque baseball left the field in disgust.

When the present season started it was thought that the Cubs surely would be pennant contenders, and perhaps they may in 1917, as the recruits shown by Tinker have a great deal of natural ability, but Mack's team at its worst this season looked better than the Cubs have in the present series. The Mackmen fought all the time and lost because they did not have the experience and the natural ability was not developed, but this is more than can be said about Tinker's team.

There is an unusual amount of natural strength in the Cub team, and Tinker may strike the proper combination next season, but just at present his team seems to be weaker than it was when the season opened. He apparently has the pitchers, hitters and quick thinkers, but the results are not being produced.

Phillies Are Out of Slump

THE Phillies gave another fast, snappy exhibition, and had all of the ginger that was noticeable in the Brooklyn series. Some may be inclined to attribute this to the weakness of the Cubs, and the fact that Moran's men felt so certain of victory, but we are inclined to believe that the slump will not make its appearance again this season. Moran's team is now ready for the homestretch, with every man in perfect physical condition and four pitchers capable of taking their regular turn if needed.

After Eppa Rixey had been batted out of the box by New York and St. Louis, the fans feared that he was cracking under the strain, but the lanky Virginian looked as good yesterday as at any time this season. If the same thing had happened to Rixey in other years he probably would not have recovered for the rest of the season, but it is a different Rixey this season.

Rixey has the confidence and fighting spirit, and where he once feared "riding" and defeat he is now one of the gamest men on Moran's team. Rixey is ready to go to the mound every other day if necessary, and if he does the fans can rest assured that it will not be the giant southpaw's fault if the Phils fall to win the pennant.

Milton Stock gave another brilliant exhibition at third base. After playing mediocre ball in the early part of the season, and allowing drives that he anothered in 1915 to get away at critical stages, Stock has recovered his 1915 form and if there is a better third baseman in either league at the present time, he none, that the chunky Philly star, we have not seen him perform here this season.

What has Connie Mack up his sleeve? We asked this once before, but since then the plot has thickened. Connie drafted four infielders and then canceled the drafts. Did he put a lot of names in to make sure of one, and did he get the one he wanted, or has the genius got an idea that he is going to be in the race and tried to prevent one of the leading teams at the present time from landing promising minor leaguers?

We read with interest that Ben Tincup and Stanwood Baumgartner have re-joined the Phillies. Rather interesting, but both men have been here a week, Tincup joining the Phils in New York.

MOVIE OF A MOTORIST GETTING BAWLED OUT BY A COP



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CONTEST HERE TOMORROW

One hundred thousand dollars' worth of horseflesh will be used in a single sporting event at the Philadelphia Country Club tomorrow. At 3 o'clock the thoroughbred mounts which are to carry the winners and losers in the semi-final polo match for the inter-circuit championship will be paraded before the grand stand prior to galloping into contest. There will be more than forty of the finest thoroughbreds to reel off furious you ever saw. One might safely say they represent the pick of polo.

The Meadow Brook Club string from Westbury, L. I., which is to be used by the Eastern Circuit team, arrived at the Country Club yesterday. These mounts are to be ridden by Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., J. Watson Webb, Malcolm Stevenson and Devereux Milburn, a quartet carrying twenty-eight goals. The twenty-four thoroughbreds represent the pick of Harry Payne Whitney's string and several of Lord Wimborne's international mounts—the best mounts which figured so prominently in carrying the cup back to England two years ago last June. In value they represent more than \$25,000.

Box stall accommodations were provided for them at the Country Club, and a half-dozen grooms and a score of stable boys set to work immediately on the arrival to make the blooded stock comfortable. This morning they will be limbered up by a series of half-mile dashes on the turf, while several which took on a bit of flesh since leaving Long Island will be galloped for the length of a period, seven and one-half minutes, to insure "their wind" being right. No baby in a millionaire's nursery ever received more careful attention than this string of polo mounts. They are bathed, massaged, blanketed and put to bed the same as a child.

Letter From A Fan: Sir—What kind of sportsmanship is it that one of our afternoon contemporaries is showing in passing the Athletics a bad day? Every one realizes that the team is not good now, but the fans and public are indignant enough to wait until a better showing is made, especially as the town already has been glutted by him with words of abuse. Goodbye to you and we had to wait long enough for the Phillies to come to life. And think of anybody sneering at a starting pitcher like Joe Bush, as was done last night, evening in the fifteenth century? What would make it of this nature? A fan who reads 'EM ALL, September 15, 1916.

Marston to Meet Lewis: MANCHESTER, Vt., Sept. 18.—Paul Hunter, of Middlebury, will meet H. Wentworth of New York and Max R. Minnie of Burlington, will contend with R. M. Lewis, of Hildesheim, in the semi-final round of the annual golf tournament for the Eutaw Cup today.

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Seventeen-year-old Corson Takes Classic Cup From Veterans—Some Well-Known Caddies

BY SANDY MENIBLICK

PHIL CORSON set a large silver replica of the St. Martin's Cup on his mantel-piece at home today, slicked up his curls by his reflection on its shining surface and took his place among the rest of the youthful "fence busters" in local golf circles who have been impressing on the public lately that golf is not an "old man's game."

If makes one more youngster still in his teens who must henceforth be reckoned with in local tournaments. The seventeen-year-old Haverford sophomore won the cup from a very fast field after being only a stroke away from winning the medal in the qualifying round. He had to sustain his golf at a high point for five days in order to break through. In the final yesterday Corson was called upon to stack up with Robert Weir, a gray-haired Wilmington veteran, whose chances in the amateur championship at Merion were kindly looked upon by many of the gathering. But Corson got Weir down four and ran out the match on the sixteenth hole.

First Big Win: The first one of the gallery to shake his hand was his white-haired father, and after that his tiny brother Ralph, who toddled all around the course at the heels of his "big" brother. It is the first scheduled tournament that young Corson has won, though he has won lower flights before. He has a Bala and Philmont trophy. Last year he was tied for the medal at the Chicket Club in the St. Martin's with Harold Kitson. On the play-off of eighteen holes Kitson had Corson by one stroke to the eighteenth tee. It looked like a victory for Kitson when Corson could not land the green. But Corson was not through "by a long shot."

By the Dozen: Norman Maxwell, nineteen years old, is another of the city's youngsters who is making a great name for himself on the golf links. Meredith Jack, the junior champion, of Philadelphia, was one of the five Quakers to qualify in the national tourney at Merion. There are about a dozen other youngsters who are bound to be seriously heard from in golf zones before many more than twelve months have unfolded.

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The Dope Has Been Upset So Consistently This Year That Noted Critic Refrains From Naming the Victors

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Pennant Muddle: "Westward the star of empire takes its way," Westward the Tigers and the White Sox. But in the East, where still the wild fan raves, Reel on the Robins, Phillies and the Braves. "Who'll win—who'll win"—by day and night I hear. This self-same query hurled at my ear; But being cagey in the off-side whiff, I mention all surrounded by the IF.

Of late I picked this club or that to praise; Of late I lumped the error of my ways; For when at one large bouquet I would fling, The notation was an Awful Thing.

And so today I watch them fall or rise, Nor show the semblance of a faint surprise; And when I'm nicker by over-eager dubs, My answer is—"The Standing of the Clubs."

The Off Again Champs: For what F. P. A. has termed the Finnegun Club, the Out Agin, in Agin, The On Agin, Goin Agin Champs, the Giants are entitled to full membership for life. They started the season, judging by results, as the worst club in the league; then they were the best; then they were the worst again—and then, through the last stretch of the race what more natural than they should once more be the best?

As a result of this lop-sided endeavor the National League is in the frank position of having the strongest machine in the circuit dangling in fourth place. As the situation now stands, with the addition of one or two good young pitchers the Giants should romp home next year. But why attempt to dope a 1917 finish when the 1916 affair, only two weeks from the finish, is entirely too complex for any use?

Maybe; Also Perhaps: Sir—Is not your honest conviction that if Jack Barry had not been injured and Maranville had not been hurt the Braves and Red Sox would have the two flags sewed up?—Back Bay.

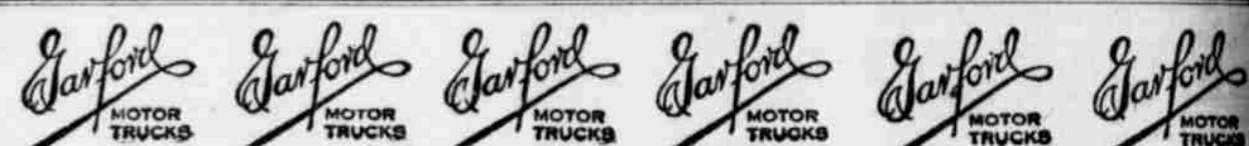
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